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Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary
Trade Policy Staff Committee
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ms. Blue:

We are writing in response to the exclusion request for carbon steel products imported under HTS Nos. 7216.10.0050, 7216.50.0000 and 7216.61.0000 filed by Hoesch Hohenlimburg GmbH and its US affiliate German Special Profiles Inc. Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift America Inc., manufacturers of CAT and Mitsubishi forklifts, is an U.S. producer of fork lift trucks.

The carbon steel profiles that our company purchases from German Special Profiles are used in our plants in Japan, Holland, and the US, and they are not currently available from a US mill. Any high duty imposed on these profiles will put our products at a competitive disadvantage for our US, Canada, Mexico, and South America markets, and any restrictions of imports will, at least temporarily, limit our ability to produce forklifts in the US.

Accordingly, we ask that our carbon steel profiles provided in the carbon steel products classifications listed above be excluded from any safeguard measures imposed by the President.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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